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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: TRAINING FOR BORDER PATROL AND PROVINCIAL
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1. TRAINING NEEDS OF BORDER PATROL AND PROVINCIAL POLICE ARE SO EXTENSIVE THAT SQUEEZING THEM INTO CURRENTLY BUDGETED CUSTOMS AND BNDD TRAINING COURSES IS NEITHER FEASIBLE NOR SATISFACTORY. EMBASSY AND GOA JOINT CONCLUSION IS THAT TWO- WEEK TRAINING COURSES WILL BE NEEDED WITHIN JULY - AUGUST 1973 TIME FRAME IN ORDER TO UPGRADE NARCOTICS DETECTION CAPABILITIES OF BOTH ORGANIZATIONS AND TO HELP ACHIEVE GOALS OF EMBASSY' S NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTION PROGRAM (SEE BA A-171).

2. GOA HAS REQUESTED THAT TWO SEPARATE TWO- WEEK TRAINING COURSES BE GIVEN FOR JOINT PARTICIPATION BY BORDER PATROL (BP) AND PROVINCIAL POLICE (PP) PERSONNEL. THE COURSES SHOULD BE FOR 50 MEN EACH OF WHICH 35-40 WILL BE BORDER PATROL AND 10-15 PROVINCIAL POLICE. IT IS CONTEMPLATED THAT ONE COURSE WILL BE HELD IN THE NORTHEAST REGION (PROBABLY ROSARIO), AND THE OTHER IN THE NORTHWEST REGION (SALTA OR TUCUMAN) SO THAT PERSONNEL OF BOTH GROUPS OPERATING IN THOSE REGIONS CAN ATTEND WITHOUT EXTENSIVE TRAVEL EXPENSES. THE PURPOSES OF THE COURSE WILL BE (1) TO TRAIN INSTRUCTORS FOR BP AND PP SCHOOLS; (2) TO TRAIN PERSONNEL FOR EMPLOYMENT IN BP NARCOTICS STRIKE FORCES (SEE BA 2080; (3) TO IMPROVE INTELLIGENCE GATHERING ABILITY OF BP

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AND PP; (4) AND TO PROVIDE A MEETING GROUND WHERE WORKING FIELD RELATIONSHIPS CAN BE INITIATED. THE GOA WILL PROVIDE A LIST OF STUDENTS TO ATTEND FROM EACH GROUP IN EACH REGION, CLASSROOM SPACE, CURRICULUM NEEDS, AND TDY PAY FOR STUDENTS.

3. DURING THE RECENT BNDD SCHOOL HELD IN BUENOS AIRES, MR. ROBERT STUTMAN, CHIEF OF THE INTERNATIONAL SECTION OF THE BNDD NATIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE (NTI), INDICATED HIS ORGANIZATION WOULD BE AVAILABLE DURING THE DESIRED TIME FRAME TO CONDUCT THE NEEDED COURSES. TENTATIVE COURSE DATES AS INDICATED TO GOA WOULD BE: COURSE ONE FROM JULY 16- JULY 27; COUSE TWO FROM JULY 30 TO AUG 10. THE GOA HAS ASKED THAT THESE COURSES CONTAIN CUSTOMS RELATED NARCOTICS TRAINING AS WELL AS LAW ENFORCEMENT RELATED TRAINING.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: THE EMBASSY ASKS THAT THE BNDD FTI AND THE U. S. CUSTOMS TRAINING DIVISION JOINTLY PREPARE A TWO- WEEK TRAINING COURSE TO BE GIVEN BY A COMBINED BNDD- CUSTOMS TRAINING TEAM DURING THE JULY- AUG TIME FRAME TO TWO CLASSES OF INTEGRATED BORDER PATROL AND PROVINCIAL POLICE PERSONNEL. THE EMBASSY WOULD FURTHER APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION OF THE JOINT TRAINING TEAM AVAILABILITY DURING THE INDICATED TIME PERIOD SO FURTHER ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE WITH THE GOA.

5. ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON TRAINING NEEDS AND DESIRES WILL BE PROVIDED AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE. THE COURSES CAN BE COORDINATED LOCALLY BY THE REGIONAL BNDD TRAINING OFFICER. LODGE

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